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and a decision taken. We examined this case also, but thought that it would not be advisable to release the prisoners considering the nature of their crime.

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : From the answer given I infer that the Hon. Minister had not considered the case recently. The names of offenders implied in the answer are Sri Arakkal Kunhiraman Nambiar and Sri P. Kunhiraman. I would like to inform the Minister that Sri P. Kunhiraman was convicted not for committing a murder and that he had already been released. The actual prisoners in question are Sri Arakkal Kunhiraman Nambiar and Sri A. Krishnan. Therefore I hope the Hon. Minister will consider the Memorandum submitted by the M.L.A. representing the locality and the people of the area without any prejudice and take a decision on the merits of the case?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : As far as Arakkal Kunhiraman Nambiar is concerned, he has been convicted for murder. The other prisoner has been convicted for dacoity. As regards the release of the prisoner, the case of not only political prisoners but all prisoners is reviewed periodically. So I am sure the case of this prisoner also will be reviewed periodically and his release ordered when the time is ripe.

Pottery industry

* 3089 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any scheme for the development of the pottery industry in the State; and

(*b*) if so, whether a copy of the same will be placed on the table of the House?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) A list[a] of schemes sanctioned for the development of pottery in this State is placed on the table of the House.

Sri M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : May I know when the training centre at Alankar will be started and whether any stipend will be given to the trainees?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : In this centre four artisans will be trained for a period of one year in improved methods of making earthenware. The total cost of the scheme is Rs. 3,000 non-recurring and Rs. 6,400 recurring. We are getting a grant from the Government of India.

Sri M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : May I know when the centre will be started and whether the Government will consider the desirability of providing a common kiln for such centres in South Kanara wherever there is need for it?

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The Government will examine that suggestion. The centre will be started presently.

SRI P. KUNHIRAMA KIDAV : May I know whether this Government get any grant from the Central Government for development of pottery in this State and, if so, what the amount is?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I have already said that the Government of India are giving us a grant. It will be on the basis of 75 per cent of the non-recurring and 50 per cent of the recurring expenditure.

SRI B. K. NALLASWAMI : May I know whether the Government have received a copy of the resolutions passed at the Provincial Potters' Conference held at Tiruppur and, if so, whether they have considered the recommendations of the conference regarding the improvement of pottery industry?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I would like to have notice. But I may say under the Second Five-Year Plan, we have got a proposal to start a number of training-*cum*-service centres for pottery in the various districts of this State.

(Starred question No. 3090—Postponed.)

Malabar Tenancy Act

* 3091 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of applications for the lease of waste lands that have been received by the Tahsildars in the Malabar district under section 52 of the Malabar Tenancy Act since 1st January 1954; and

(*b*) the number of applications sanctioned?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) & (*b*) A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : In the paper placed on the table, against Wynaad taluk, it is stated that in six cases, notice to landholders under section 52 (1) of the Act has been issued and expiry of notice time is awaited for taking further action. Since the notice time has already expired by this time, may I know whether any action has been taken after the expiry?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I want notice to answer this question.

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[a] Printed as Appendix IV on pages 345-346 infra.